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Third-place essay winners announced by schools

Editor's Note: the following two essays were named third-place in the recent International Year of the Child essay contest sponsored by the Appomattox County Schools.

The Ideal Family Situation
By Stella Osborne

The ideal family situation is a difficult subject to write on, since there are few examples in the world today. Yet love, which is the greatest power of all, still exists. And as long as there is love, there is hope for the ultimate: the ideal family situation.

The ideal family situation is best described in the Holy Bible in Ephesians, chapter 5. We find"... A man must love his wife as a part of himself; and the wife must see to it that she deeply respects her husband... "And in Ephesians, chapter 6 - "Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you. . . Bring them (Your children) up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice."

Love is the key. This quality, the very essence of a man's soul, can change even a hardened, weather-beaten thorn into a fragrant, blooming rose, bursting with the hapiness and contentment love brings. And, as quoted by Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself!"

So we come to the root of the ideal family situation. Love can cause this situation to be. A home in which the parents are wise and kind, and in which the children are obedient and caring, results from this affection. The ideal family has a strong bond of communication between them.

There is time for work, and a time for play. The parents are respected, and their advice is regarded with esteem. Every member of the family is allowed to express his opinion, whether it is agreed with or not. The family obeys the law and their door is always open to way-faring strangers needing help. They believe in their country and their God. Problems are worked out by prayer, Bible-reading, and suggestions made by other members.

In the ideal family situation, there is no jealousy or hatred. Happiness is found in the little things: quiet multi-hued butterflies flitting from flower to flower, sunlight illuminating the still morning dew on a sleepy petal, and the hushed sparkling stars high above in the dark heavens.

The ideal family has enough money and warmth to go around. Love is everywhere in their home, affecting every member in a positive way.

The ideal family situation sounds like a fantasy or a figment of the imagination. It doesn't have to be.

An so, my description of the ideal family situation comes to an end; yet the fantasy goes on. But I still have faith in this report and the American family. Nothing is impossible. For as long as there is faith and love there is hope in the supreme goal: the family situation.

"There are three things that remain - faith, hope, love - and the greatest of these is love." I. Corinthians 13:13

The Middle Child
By Darrie Brooks

Mike Turner was the middle child in a family of five. He was just fourteen years old living in Raleigh, N. C.

Mike's father worked at a near by textile company and his older brother was a senior in high school, hoping to become a lawyer. Mike's younger brother was a duplicate of their mother with blonde hair, blue eyes and dimples.

Mike himself was not quite as attractive, as a matter of fact, he was far from it If you got an off-hand look at his family you might suspect he was adopted.

It was now the report-card period. As usual Mike's little brother received A's and B's. Arnold got straight A's and a place on the honor roll. Mike received D's, C's and B's.

This alone was bad enough but someone had to make it worse. Francis, Mike's girl-friend, told him she didn't want to go with "a dummy". That did it!

That afternoon Mike headed for home trying to think of a way to tell his father about the bad grades.

"I can't face Dad with this," mumbled the depressed boy, "I just can't. There is only one thing to do, run-away." The reality of this idea scared him but he felt it had to be done.

Mike kept telling himself things like "I don't deserve such a good family, they're all so good and I am so stupid."

When Mike came upon his home, he went straight to his room to avoid being seen. He gathered up all the bare necessities he would need; a pocket knife, a transistor radio, a pair of his favorite jeans and sunglasses.

Mike slid down the drainage pipe as stealthily as a thief. He headed for the highway farthest from the textile company realizing his father would be on his way home by now.

As he turned on Apple Plum and Main he was met by Jimmy's dog, Scruff. When he had convinced the canine trouble maker to stay put, he began again on his way, but this time he was worried. The dog was not known to leave his master's side for long, which meant Jimmy was in the neighborhood.

As he turned the corner he found his suspicions to be correct. There was Jimmy.

"Hi Mike. Hey what's the bag for?" he inquired spying the knapsack.

"None of your business!"

"Aw come on tell me Mike," pleaded the boy.

"Well alright you'll find out anyway, I'm running away from home."

"Why would ya want to do somthing dumb like that, Mike."

"Well, because," he mumbled.

"Because why?"

"I just don't belong."

"If you run away who's goin' a pillow fight me?" the boy inquired "and who's goin' to play football."

"Well you'll just have to find someone else. You know Mom and Dad like you two better than me."

"No way, Mom is always talking about your being so much easier to get along with and Dad has been planning a surprise birthday party next month. Now, you don't really want to run away do ya.

"Of course not," he admitted "Come on let's race home."

The ideal family situation is the family that real deep down loves and cares that much about each other that they can from time to time openly show their loving feelings.

A recent activity of the International Year of the Child Program was an essay contest. At Appomattox County High School, work was submitted by English teachers, and winners received saving certificates. Pictured above, front row, left to right, are winners Susan Shorter, first place, $25.00; Susan Eye, second place, $15.00; and third place Stella Osborne, $10.00. On second row are those receiving honorable mention, from left to right, Terri Nash, Teresa Campbell, Karen Covington and Cindy Simpson.

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Local Cub Scouts seek clues to heritage

On April 1, 1930, the Cub Scout program became official in the United States, 50 years ago, with the issuance of the first pack charters by the Boy Scouts of America.

In Appomattox, Cub Scout Pack 546 is trying to find out about its history. They would like to know if you were a Cub Scout when the first charter was issued in Appomattox. Other information being sought by the Pack is locating Cub Masters, Den Mothers, and persons on the Committee when scouting began here. If you were involved in this Scouting program before 1970 Cub Scout Pack 546 would like to hear stories and see pictures.

Contact persons are Bill Sherrod or Frances Paulette at the **Times-Virginian**; Don and Ellen Armentrout, phone 352-5037 or A.C.H.S.; Raymond Servis, Cub Master, phone 352-8803; Tom Shumaker, Committee Chairman, phone 352-5228; Sarah Summers, Den Mother, phone 993-4446; Dennis and Jeanette Drinkard, phone 352-7753; or any Cub Scout member of Pack 546.

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150 persons attend 4-H awards banquet at A. C. H. S.

The Annual 4-H Awards Banquet was held last Monday evening in the cafeteria of Appomattox County High School. Approximately 150 persons attended the banquet including 4-H members and their families.

Following a covered dish meal, the following 4-H members were recognized for their outstanding work in various project areas: **Agricultural:** Glen Clowdis; **Achievement:** Lisa Moore and Cheryl Walton; **Bicycle:** Janet Smith, Brett Marston, Stefanie Martin; **Bread:** Jane Guill, Rhonda Nash, Joanie Canada; **Citizenship:** David Caldwell, Laurie McLean; **Clothing:** Martha Haley, Jennifer Inge, Jennifer Coleman, Betsy Wingfield; **Commodity Marketing:** Allen Smith, Blair Smith; **Conservation of Natural Resources:** Jeannice Bartelt, Shelia Mullins, Dale Glover, Cheryl Walton; **Consumer Education:** Mike Davis, Lonnie Reynolds, Ernest Humbles, Jr.; **Dairy Foods:** Tiffany Royal, Angel Goode, Angela Totty; **Dog Care:** Anne Hancock, Jessica Stanley; **Electric Energy:** Brian Hudson; **Food Preservation and Safety:** Billy Carter; Food and Nutrition: Nancy Cole, Carrel Almond, Cathryn Ballowe, Jo Ann Jamerson; **Forest Preservation:** Sally Coleman, Bonnie Drinkard, Jennifer Coleman; **Cats:** Tiffany Royal, Wendy Harris; **Extemporaneous:** Janet Smith, David Hendricks, Patty Harris, Bernadine Garrett.

Also recognized were: **Forestry:** Cheryl Wooten, Lisa Harrison; **Gardening:** Jennifer Coleman; **Health:** Jennifer Inge, Janet Smith; **Home Environment:** Joanie Canada, Patricia Myrick, Jessica Stanley, Janice Abernathy; **Home Management:** Ada Hunter, Lisa Campbell, Laurie Cowan, Laura Walton; **Leadership:** Lisa Moore, Cheryl Walton, Allen Smith; **Photography:** Nancy Cole, Joanie Canada; **Public Speaking:** Blair Smith, Brett Marston, Rhonda Nash, Ruby Smith; **Safety:** Dawn Dawson, Janet Smith; **Wood Science:** Donald Martin, Russell Walton, Mike Hansen, Billy Caldwell; **Community Beautification:** Laura Walton; **Horse:** Cheryl Wooten, Janice Abernathy; **Recreation:** Tony Bailey, Jo Ann Jamerson and **Fashion Revue:** Karen Stevens, Nancy Woolridge, Natasha Woolridge and

Awards were also made for the top winners in the Wildlife Feed Patch program. Mr. Bill Caldwell, Vice President of the sponsoring Pamplin Ruritan Club, presented awards to 1st place: Wayne Waycaster, 2nd Jo Ellen Garrett, 3rd Glen McClenny, 4th Curtis Pearson and 5th Angelia Jaggars.

Special certificates were awarded to 4-H'ers who have made outstanding accomplishments in project areas where they had previously received county awards or in areas where county awards were not available. Recognized were: Susan Parris in **Leadership;** Terri Nash in **Egg Cookery;** Glen McClenny in **Crops** and **Beef;** Patty Harris in **Poultry** and **Dog Care;** Lisa Harrison in **Dog Care;** Kenneth McClenny in **Crops** and **Beef;** and Dana White in **Dog Care** and Forestry.

A special appreciation award was given to Mrs. Ruby [Continued on page 2B]

4-H Awards winners shown above were, left to right, Dawn Dawson, Brett Marston, Russell Walton, Lisa Campbell, and Martha Haley.

1979 4-H Wildlife Feed Patch winners were, left to right, Wayne Waycaster, Jo Ellen Garrett, Glen McClenny, Angela Jaggars, and Mr. Bill Caldwell, vice president of Pamplin Ruritan Club. Not pictured was Curtis Pearson.

4-H Awards winners - Mrs. Lonnette Chilton, Extension Agent, awards Janet Smith a County 4-H medal in Safety. Janet was one of 62 4-H'ers recognized at a recent 4-H Awards Banquet.

Daniel H. Zick named to dean's list at L. B. C.

Daniel H. Zick of Appomattox has been named to the dean's list at Liberty Baptist College for the 1979-80 semester, according to Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, president of the college.

Zick is among 314 students at the college who earned a place on the dean's list, according to Guillermin.

Liberty Baptist College's enrollment for the 1979-80 season totaled 2,524 students, largest in the nine-year history of the Christian liberal arts college.

The college holds candidate's status for accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Zick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Zick of Appomattox.

Coleman attends SS conference

Dan G. Coleman of Coleman & Sons, Inc., has just returned from a two-and-a half day Southern States January Agency Merchandising Conference held at the Bonhomme Richard Inn in Williamsburg, Va. on Jan. 14, 15, and 16.

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